

(a) whether any concession has been given in the freight rate on salt during this budget;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether any proposal is under consideration of Government to reduce the freight rate on salt to benefit the people in general and salt industries in particular?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

Doubling of Gooty-Renigunta rail line

3308. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY:

SHRI O.T. LEPCHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the doubling of Gooty-Renigunta balance section has already been taken up and is in incomplete stage;

(b) if so, the specific reasons for incompletion of the Gooty-Renigunta balance section; and

(c) by when the above work would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The doubling of balance section on Gooty-Renigunta is under implementation by Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL). The contracts of various works have been awarded in 2006-07 with a completion period of 30/36 months.

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